United Nations Environmental Programme

Committee Description

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READ TO DISCOVER:

1. What is the main purpose of the United Nations Environment Programme?
2. What are the six principle areas that UNEP works in?
3. What is an example of a project UNEP has sponsored?

In 1972, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was established as a program of the United Nations. It was founded after the 1972 United Nations Conference on the Human Environment. The world headquarters of UNEP is in Gigiri, Kenya with six other regional offices worldwide. The main purpose of UNEP is to make sure that member nations are using environmentally sound policies and practices.

Principle Areas

1. Environmental Governance
2. Harmful Substances and Hazardous Waste
3. Resource Efficiency
4. Disasters and Conflicts
5. Ecosystem Management
6. Climate Change

UNEP has broad membership, meaning all member nations are part of the programme. UNEP has a governing body consisting of an executive officer, director, and a managing staff.

There are six principle areas in which UNEP works. UNEP creates and runs programs in these six areas with other international programs. An example of a program is the solar loan program in India. This program provided loans to over 100,000 people in India to buy the equipment needed to use solar energy.